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ARIZONA DUI TASK FORCES WILL BE OUT IN FORCE OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Officers Also Enforcing Seat Belt Laws As Part of National "Click It or Ticket" Campaign

In partnership with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, a majority of Arizona's 17 DUI Task Forces will be conducting saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints across the state throughout the Memorial Day Weekend to remove impaired drivers from Arizona's roads.

During the 2004 Memorial Day weekend, 288 people were arrested for DUI with 323 officers working the task forces from 42 agencies; 85 of the DUIs were extreme (over .15 blood alcohol concentration). Fourteen people were killed in vehicle crashes during this three-day weekend last year; 12 died in 2003.

"We want to remind motorists to enjoy this holiday and their vacations this summer, but act responsibly and don't make the tragic decision to get behind the wheel of a vehicle if they've had too much to drink," said GOHS Director Richard Fimbres. "And please drive carefully, respect the speed limits, and always buckle up."

Besides arresting impaired drivers, law enforcement will be citing unbuckled motorists as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign. All front-seat passengers, and people under 16 years of age regardless of their location in a car, must be belted; all children under five must be properly restrained in a child/booster seat.

Remember: Buckle Up, and if you are going to drink, please plan ahead by selecting a sober designated driver, or calling a cab. Because, if "You Drink & Drive, You Lose."

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